**First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the
Public Safety Advisory Committee – May 11, 2015**

FirstNet News

- We held two webinars last week for federal, state, local, and tribal public safety participants to review the Special Notice and draft RFP documents and Public Notices. The May 6 webinar had more than 75 participants, including SPOCs, PSAC members (including the Tribal Working Group), and federal agency POCs. The May 8 webinar had more than 70 participants. The presentation used for these two webinars was based on the April 24 Special Board Meeting materials. The team also used the webinars and a blog to announce the extension of the deadline for states to conduct initial data collection to inform our acquisition on users and coverage by 2 months to September 30, 2015. This extension was based on requests from multiple SPOCs and will not impact the target release date of the RFP by the end of the calendar year.

- The first Industry Day is 5/14 from 1-4 pm EDT. The in-person registration is full; those interested in attending may view the meeting via webcast on the FirstNet website. Pre-registration is not required for the webcast.

- The State Plans team distributed emails to the 50 states and Washington DC to download the individual state coverage objectives geographic information system (GIS) data. The team is working to build the territory packages and will be disseminating them in the near future. *Please contact datacollection@firstnet.gov if you did not receive this email or with any questions.*

- This week, FirstNet will be also be participating in The President's NSTAC Big Data Analytics Subcommittee, the Texas Emergency Management Conference, the Department of Commerce's "Big-A" conference and the National Peace Officer's Memorial Day Ceremony.

- FirstNet Chair Sue Swenson received the Leadership in Advancing Communications Policy Award and Washington SPOC Bill Schrier received the Leadership in Advocacy Award at APCO's 11th Annual Public Safety Communications Leadership in Policy Awards Dinner on 5/5.

- Other activities last week included APCO's Annual Public Safety Broadband Summit & Expo, the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Tribal Telecom, LLC 4th Annual Tribal Telecom and Technology Conference, the Wisconsin Wireless

Association, the FirstNet Association DC-Based Staff Briefing, the Emergency Communications Preparedness Center Executive Committee meeting and the USGS Hazards leadership briefing.

- The 24th and 25th initial consultations meetings took place in West Virginia (WV) and Rhode Island (RI). The WV meeting had 61 attendees and included discussions about communication use cases involving the Yeager Airport landslide, the Gas Pipeline Explosion, the Derecho in 2012, and other large planned events. The RI meeting had about 26 state and local representatives and use case discussions covered a water search and rescue event with the U.S. Coast Guard and the establishment of a patient tracking system.

- FirstNet would like to formally welcome our new Region II and IX Outreach leads:

  ➢ Our new Region II lead David Cook based out of New York, has over 20 years of experience in supporting emergency communications efforts from both the government and industry perspective, and is still and active fire fighter. David previously served as the Director for Outreach, NYS Office for Technology, Director, Bureau of Public Safety, Rensselaer County and the Enhanced 911 Emergency Communications Coordinator, Rensselaer County.

  ➢ Our Region IX lead Keone Kali will be based out of Hawaii. Keone formerly served as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the State of Hawaii and brings 21 years of experience in information technology, business development, and senior management in both the public and private sector. Prior to his appointment as State CIO, Mr. Kali served as Deputy CIO of Operations and Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Mr. Kali has extensive experience working with multiple jurisdictions, municipalities, state and federal agencies, and has worked internationally under Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction programs.

- To date, FirstNet has received 50 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: Louisiana (5/13), Arkansas (5/14), Virgin Islands (5/19), Maine (5/20), Idaho (5/21), Connecticut (5/27), New Hampshire (6/9), New Mexico (6/10), Ohio (6/11), Vermont (6/16), Kansas (6/17), Wisconsin (6/18), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), California (7/28-29), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1) and New Jersey (9/3). An updated schedule can be viewed on the website tracker.

- The initial consultation meetings to date have involved more than 1,600 state, tribal, and local representatives. Overall, we have connected with more than 15,400 public safety and private sector stakeholders through more than 175 outreach and consultation engagements in fiscal year 2015 to date.

News from the States and PSAC Associations

- We hosted the third FirstNet Briefing for Public Safety and State/Local/Tribal Association Staff Representatives at DOC Headquarters with 30 attendees from 25 organizations. The team presented and addressed questions on the Special Notice and draft RFP documents; Public Notices; and state consultation, planning and outreach including data collection. NTIA also provided a short briefing on SLIGP.

- The Tribal Working Group (TWG) met via conference call on May 5 and the Early Builder Working Group (EBWG) on May 8.

- The PSAC Executive Committee (EC) held its regular monthly conference call on May 8. The focus of the discussion was on updates regarding the June 1 PSAC meeting in San Diego.

- The PSAC EC also met via conference call with members of the CTO team on May 8 to continue its work on the end user equipment assignment. A summary of work to date will be provided at the June 1 meeting.

- The State of Maryland Interoperability Office is holding a series of forums to continue to educate public safety and its stakeholders about FirstNet, as well as the state's other public safety technology programs that could be supported by FirstNet. This year Maryland is asking counties to speak about their programs, as well as their successes and challenges, as a way to build on what FirstNet will be able to offer them. The state will also hold a tabletop exercise in the afternoon to work through the public safety communications programs and see how and where the FirstNet network could be used.Register here: http://regionalforums2015.eventbrite.com/

Media Watch

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Traditional Media
Media coverage was not as heavy as last week. Articles about FirstNet included the APCO

Broadband Summit' NTIA's decision to lift the LA-RICS suspension; the release of the Special Notice/Draft RFP documents; and the Industry Day announcement.

FirstNet sets 'Industry Day,' starts taking one-on-one meetings with vendors

http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/firstnet-sets-industry-day-starts-taking-one-one-meetings-vendors/2015-05-02

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) made a couple of significant moves of late, setting May 14 as an "Industry Day" for interested parties to convene and beginning the process of accepting requests for one-on-one meetings with vendors starting May 15.

Connect Iowa Blog: FirstNet: RFP Draft is Released

http://www.connectiowa.org/blog/post/firstnet-rfp-draft-released

An article from GCN announces that FirstNet has released a draft of its request for proposal (RFP). FirstNet wanted to release the draft documents to give maximum opportunity for input for the final RFP. The final RFP is scheduled to be issued later this year.

Web and Social Media
In addition to the two consultation meetings, social media discussion touched on the upcoming Industry Day, the APCO Broadband Summit, and the FirstNet RFP. The FirstNet Twitter account has more than 2,170 followers; LinkedIn 700; Google+ 41; and YouTube 107 subscribers. FirstNet blogs from this included International Firefighters Day and Public Service Recognition Week. They are available at:
http://www.firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog.